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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

I believe I have mentioned to you the desirability of having a naval officer as deputy to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Admiral Inglis tells me that General Vandenberg is just about ready to accept a naval officer as his deputy and that he and General Vandenberg have discussed the question at some length and are in complete agreement that the officer selected by the Navy should have ability, should be a flag officer, and must be able to get along with people. He should, of course, if possible, have had some experience in intelligence work.

Admiral Inglis and I have gone over the field rather carefully and have the following candidates to offer:

Admiral Struble
Admiral Ballentine
Admiral Maples
Admiral Dyer
Admiral Ofstie
Captain Hillenkoetter
Captain Olsen
Captain McCollum
Captain Smith-Rutton

Of the above, I feel that Admirals Struble, Maples, Ballentine, and Dyer are probably too senior (having some four to seven years longer service than General Vandenberg).

Those with real intelligence experience are Captain Hillenkoetter (who may very easily be selected for admiral on this coming selection board); Captain Olsen, who you will remember as a temporary rear admiral in Russia; Captain McCollum; Captain Smith-Rutton; and Admiral George Dyer.

Admiral Berkey has also been mentioned for this job but I have a hunch that he is not exactly the man for it.

I give you this list not to ask you to make a decision but to see if you have any ideas on any of these men.

I have one additional thought which is that a good man for the job might be Mr. William J. Sebald, who you will remember as the excellent head of the Japanese Section in my Combat Intelligence Division under Admiral King, who is a trained lawyer, one of the best intelligence officers, and who is now political advisor for the State Department to Mr. Acheson in Tokyo. Sebald is, of course, not a naval officer but he is a Naval Reserve and has the Navy's interest very much at heart.

Do you have any thoughts on this subject?

Respectfully,

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